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The amendment previously made to the specification at p. 56 has been canceled, in response to the Examiner's objection. All the rejected claims have been canceled, without prejudice to the presentation of claims to their subject matter in a continuation or divisional application. The only claims remaining in the application, claims 8, 21, 30 and 39, have all been allowed.

This Amendment is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and before the filing of a Brief on Appeal. Applicants' first amendment after final rejection has not been entered (see the Advisory Action dated April 24, 2006). It is believed that the present Amendment clearly places the application in condition for immediate allowance. Entry of the Amendment, and favorable consideration of the application, are accordingly courteously requested.

Respectfully,

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